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Dear Mr. Cook,

You haven't had time to read my book, or you'd know that on page 133, which I have cause to remember, I say what you said. On that basis, at least, there is no disagreement between us.

My note of May 2 to Carey McWilliams was answered by a non-responsive card dated May 12 in which he said of WHITEWASH, "...it goes without saying is of special interest to us." Not special enough to elicit a reply, even after the lapse of a week after page 1 treatment in the Wash. Post, eight columns across the top with a jump to page three, a total use of almost 8 full columns of type on the Epstein book and mine. That might I have expected had he not had a special interest, had the NYTimes not devoted a full column to the subject of the books to follow and mine, had I not been getting a big radio play in Washington, and two pages in BOOKS?

He and the Nation have their own and well-deserved reputations. We can forgive him for wearing special glasses that see only in black and white, but before long, when he realizes that others, such as I, also have a great respect for Earl Warren, and that if we cannot protect him from his own error, we might try and keep him from bearing the additional responsibilities of others. It is the graveyard at midnight routine to pretend, as he and others apparently do, that Earl Warren hasn't erred. Even were the Report right he has. The have and are abdication both a responsibility and an opportunity. There is nothing further I will try and do with them, for there isn't enough time for the constructive things. They may have gifted you, but you still have blood left, so there is that much good.

I sent Ramparts a copy marked for review only. Lifkin ordered a personal copy. Today there was a check for two to be airmailed from the assistant to the editor, and Lifkin phoned while I was in DC. I'm expecting his call tonight. I can only wonder why, but the coincidence between two copies and two sides to a page is remarkable.

Welcome to the eye of the storm. I've been building a windtunnel you'll soon, I hope, know about. By the time the five interviews on prime newtime on the DC's best and largest station I taped today have been aired, there may be some additional reaction, for they'll be used beginning tomorrow through next Monday, at least once a day. I have also developed new material, almost as shocking as the most terrible things far, in between other things. I've been at the Amer. Bookseller's Assn convention since Sat, have several distributors, a selling organization, 2145 copies in distribution (which may mean nothing), with editors and bookstores speaking to distributors. I expect two more tomorrow. My unorthodox books seems to be as well-known as anything there. I made a tape to be offered 500 stations today, and I expect more. Good luck with the Nation and your books, and I'm getting on the other letters so I will not get behind in that department, anyway. I do have NY and Boston distribution now. The books left by truck today. And thanks for the good wishes.

Sincerely,